

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld defense weapon comprising a first hand grip portion extending along a first direction and fitted at a first end thereof with a first spike and at a second end thereof a second spike, said spikes facing in the same direction and a third spike at the first end extending in an opposite direction, wherein said first and third spike form a second hand grip portion extending only along a second direction generally perpendicular to said first direction.
2. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising at least one finger ridge extending between said first and second spikes.
3. (Currently Amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is slightly curved in compliance with an individual's fist anatomy.
4. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the distance between the first spike and second spike is fitted to the size of an individual's fist.
5. (Currently Amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the spikes extend beyond fisted fingers of an individual gripping the weapon about the first hand grip portion.

6. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 5, wherein the spikes are at least 3 centimeters long.
7. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein at a gripped position the first and second spikes project beyond an individual's fingers at a fisted position.
8. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein there is further provided a fourth spike projecting between the index finger and the middle finger, said fourth spike facing in the same direction as the first and second spikes.
9. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 8, wherein the fourth spike is slightly shorter than said first and second spikes.
10. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 8, wherein the length of the fourth spike projects beyond the width of an index finger, when the weapon is gripped about the first and third spikes.
11. (Original) A hand held defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first end is fitted with a bulging portion, whereby when the weapon is gripped said bulging portion laterally projects from a fist.
12. (Original) A hand held defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein either end is fitted with a fifth spike, whereby when the weapon is gripped said fifth spike laterally projects from a fist.

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15. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the weapon is disguised by a fur-like material applied thereto.

16. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein a key ring is attachable thereto.

17. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is further fitted with a utility tool.

18. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with a power source and an activating mechanism for illuminating a light emitting element integrated with the weapon.

19. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with a compartment holding an irritating material selectively dischargeable.

20. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 19, wherein the irritating material is a tear gas.

21. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with an audible alert generating module.

22. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 21, wherein the audible alert generating module is a gas discharge horn.
23. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 22, wherein the horn is activated by discharge of an irritating gas.
24. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein at least the first hand grip portion is padded.
25. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein a blow-whistle is integrated into the weapon.
26. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to Claim 1, made from a soft material.
27. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to Claim 1, further comprising a wrist strap.
28. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to Claim 1 serving as a handle for an elongated object.
29. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to Claim 28, wherein the elongated object is a metal detecting device.

30. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to Claim 26, wherein the elongated object is ~~[[an]]~~ a retractable baton.

31. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to Claim 1, wherein said hand held weapon further comprises a cover adapted to snugly fit a handheld defense said hand held weapon as ~~described in any one of the above claims~~, said cover being replaceable.

32. (Original) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, useful as a bag carrier wherein the bag is suspendable from the device by hanging handles of the bag on the first and second spikes.

33. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with a belt clip.

34. (Currently amended) A kit comprising a handheld defense weapon comprising a first hand grip portion extending along a first direction and fitted at a first end thereof with a first spike and at a second end thereof a second spike, said spikes facing in the same direction and a third spike at the first end extending at an opposite direction, wherein said first and third spike form a second hand grip portion extending only along a second direction generally perpendicular to said first direction; and an instructions manual including instructions teaching how to use said weapon.

35. (Original) A kit according to claim 34, wherein said instructions manual is an illustrated publication.

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36. (Original) A kit according to claim 34, wherein said instructions manual is a digital carrying medium.